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47 60. A scanning optical apparatus according to
Claim 59, wherein the at least two lens surfaces of the
plurality of lens surfaces have aspherical surfaces in the
main scanning direction.

REMARKS

Claims 13-60 are now presented for consideration,
with Claims 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, 44, 52 and 59 being
independent.

As will be appreciated, Claims 13-43 were allowed
prior to the August 24, 1998 filing of a Continued
Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal. Claims
44-60 have been added to provide a scope of protection
commensurate with the disclosure.

Applicant submits that the newly presented claims
are allowable for reasons similar to those supporting
allowance of Claims 13-43. Independent consideration of
Claims 44-60 is requested.

An early and favorable action on the merits is also
respectfully requested.

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